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1. Communist commercial agents are shopping in Hong Kong for electric generators and are asking for a contract guaranteeing delivery in Shanghai within 90 days. No contracts have been signed because of this delivery clause. [REDACTED] the generators will be sold, but without the 90-day clause. The Communist [REDACTED] that Shanghai is planning to decentralize electric production from two or three large plants to small generating plants scattered throughout the city.
2. Hong Kong officials of Civil Air Transport (CAT) have denied that any assets of the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) have left Hong Kong, though the Communists are removing surplus parts and equipment from Kaitak Airfield daily.\* No planes are completely dismantled, but many parts have been removed. Some planes are left with only fuselage and wheels. The Hong Kong Government will not permit the departure of any planes until the CAT appeal decision is received.
3. The SS EMPIRE DINK, which, according to press reports, sailed on 14 March from Hong Kong cleared for Inchon with the intention of landing CNAC plane parts and equipment at Tientsin, actually headed for Amoy and Swatow.

\* Comment. It is not known why Hong Kong CAT officials would be denying the removal.

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